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Dr. Thyrum's Fall 18 Office Hours:

Monday: 10-11:30 am - Franklin House

Monday 1:10-2:40 pm - 120 Luek Hall

Tuesday: 1:00-2:00 pm - 120 Luek Hall

Wednesday: 10:00-11:30 am – Franklin House

Friday 11:00 am-12:00 pm – Franklin House

Other times available by appointment!

Call: 871-7552. Dr. Thyrum's office hours may be subject to change at times.

Director's Corner

Please stop by my office hours (see above days & times) or contact Barb Erdman for other times I'm in my office. I'm here to answer your questions and provide support as you move through your time at MU. Don't let any questions go unanswered. My goal is to meet with each student in the Honors College (as many times as you'd like). If you have any challenges with your schedule or with incorporating honors courses into your schedule or with starting your thesis or with anything else about being a student at MU, PLEASE STOP BY - let's have a conversation. I look forward to speaking with and assisting you!
Best, Dr. Thyrum

Homecoming 2018

The theme for MU's Homecoming this year was "Pennsylvania Proud". The Honors students chose their theme in the parade to be from *The Office*, a television show set in Scranton, PA. Here are a couple of pictures of Honors students marching in the parade as well as current students and Honors alums who watched the parade from the porch of Franklin House! Special Events chair from HCSA - Lauren Davis, was in charge of the group who marched in the parade that rainy, drizzly day.





!Birthdays!

Birthday greetings to our students celebrating their arrival on this earth during November and December:

Jillian Gammon	Nov. 1
Noah Stitely	Nov. 3
Brooke Shimer	Nov. 5
Laura Olchewsky	Nov. 5
Peter Gray	Nov. 6
Bridget Murray	Nov. 7
Hannah Gorin	Nov. 8
Katie Riley	Nov. 9
Karrah Keck	Nov. 10
Julia Walters	Nov. 14
Autumn Peters	Nov. 16
Tara Petrosky	Nov. 16

Rachel Laughlin	Nov. 17
Allysa Derwin	Nov. 19
Tim Sakowski	Nov. 19
Lauren Ledder	Nov. 19
Shannon O'Laughlin	Nov. 20
Ellie Rohrback	Nov. 20
Erin Fagan	Nov. 27
Madison Whitcomb	Dec. 3
Evan Pugh	Dec. 4
Natalie Timko	Dec. 4
Jennie McIntyre	Dec. 7
Leah Hoffman	Dec. 7
Alyssa Bingaman	Dec. 11
Cameron Gonteski	Dec. 16
Rachel Hubbs	Dec. 19
Molly Sterner	Dec. 19
Lillie Shaw	Dec. 21
Andrea Amoh	Dec. 22
Ryan Mace	Dec. 22
Jacob Coopersmith	Dec. 27

Our apologies to Alexis Elliott for not listing her birthday on October 15! If we miss anyone, please send an email to Barb and let her know.

Remember your friends on their special day!

Fall Recognition Banquet

The Fall Recognition Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 9 beginning at 1:00 pm. The time was changed to accommodate those students who attend religious services in the morning so they can also attend the banquet. For all our new students, the recognition banquet is a time when graduating seniors are recognized and students who have achieved high academic standings are also recognized. It promises to be a very special event (with delicious food). Our guest speaker will be Dr. Kat Walsh, a faculty member from Social Work and the leader of MU's Faculty Senate. Mark your calendars now and look for your invitation to come in the mail!



Spotlighting Seniors



My name is Erin Jones, and I am a Meteorology major with minors in Mathematics and in Environmental Hazards and Emergency Management. I have been an active member in the Honors College Student Association, serving as the Membership Retention Chairperson last school year and the Treasurer this year. Outside of the Honors College, I have been involved with Millersville's Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and Expressions Dance. I have also been involved in multiple summer research projects studying meteorological phenomena, such as lake-effect snow, tornados, and hurricanes. Upon graduating from Millersville, I plan to attend graduate school to study Atmospheric Science with the eventual goal of doing research for a NOAA laboratory.

MEET DR. DANIEL WUBAH MU's President November 12 at 7 pm in Reighard Lobby

Everyone is invited to come out and meet Dr. Wubah on November 12 at 7 pm in Reighard Lobby. Dr. Wubah has specifically requested to have an opportunity to greet and mingle with students in the University Honors College. He is interested in hearing about your experiences at MU and in the Honors College. He is interested in learning about your goals and achievements. Let's have a great turnout, fill Reighard Lobby, and show Dr. Wubah who we are and what we are all about!

Franklin House

Franklin House is available for all Honors students as a place to unwind between classes. We offer a quiet environment with a love seat and chairs for small group gatherings. If student employees are not utilizing the computer work stations, Honors students are free to use the computers. There is a small refrigerator on the first floor with beverages and snacks available for students while studying.



Honors College Communication

Please make it a habit to check your Millersville email every day. The Honors College, your professors, and other MU Offices will send you important messages. The Honors College relies heavily on email as a way to disseminate important information. In addition, if you use Facebook, please “friend” Millersville HonorsCollege and Honors College Student Association at Millersville and ask to join “Fall 2018 MU Honors Students”. We have an Instagram page and newly created Twitter you can follow as well - “Ville_Honors”. Remember, these are great ways to stay on top of the latest news and announcements!



Priority Registration

Priority Registration for ALL Honors students began at 6:00 am on Wednesday, October 31. If you missed registering for classes at that time, you can still do it during the early days of November. And, after the registration period is over, if you need to add additional courses for credits, that is when it is open for all students to do so, providing there is room in your chosen course.

Freshmen - some of you will be pre-registered for certain courses in the spring semester, including ENGL 241H and COMM 100H. **DO NOT WITHDRAW** from these courses. ENGL 241H is a required course and should be completed in the spring of your 1st year.

*****NEW TO THIS YEAR'S SCHEDULE –**

We have a section of PSYC 100H - General Psychology on the Spring '19 schedule.

MWF 9-9:50 in Luek Hall.

PSYC 100H is a G3 course and a popular elective that will count toward your 25 required Honors College credits.

Change in Community Service Requirements for Fall 2018

Serve the public good – give back – civic engagement!

Along with Honors College benefits comes responsibilities. MU's Honors College, like many Honors Colleges at similar institutions, requires that all of our students complete a total of six (6) community service events/projects for the academic year. You can split the community service events across two semesters for 3 each semester, or, if you are energetic and volunteer for events sponsored by the University, other campus organizations, the Honors College, or HCSA, you can do more than 3 per semester – but you must complete 6 events per year. Each event you complete must be a minimum of 1 hour in length to receive credit. Even if an event lasts a few hours, you will receive 1 credit for that event.

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Spotlighting Seniors



Bryanne Minnella is a senior who will graduate from the Millersville University Honors College with a BSE in Music Education (K-12) under the inclusive education program and a BA Music Performance in December 2018. Upon graduation, Bryanne will be certified to teach both music education (K-12) and special education (7-12) in just seven semesters of study.

Bryanne is a Millersville University Tier 1 High Achievers Scholar and a National Prudential Financial Scholar who has had opportunities to serve as a Music Explorations Mentor, MU Honors College Mentor and a First Year Experience Mentor. She served as a Peer Staff Leader teaching mathematics to underprivileged incoming Millersville students through the Millersville University's Office of Student Success and Retention, as well as an Orientation Leader, assisting incoming honors college freshman in their collegiate transition by providing information and support. She was then promoted to become a manager of the orientation programs at MU, serving on the orientation planning committee.

Bryanne was selected to participate in the University of Rochester's IES Abroad Summer Music History and Performance in Vienna, Austria where she studied privately at the Musik und Kunst Privatuniversität der Stadt Wien. Studying abroad inspired Bryanne to earn her Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) certification and ignited her dream of educating abroad. Additionally, Bryanne spent three months staying with a family in Madrid teaching English to young children. During this time, Bryanne increased her knowledge of Spanish and endeavored on many solo travel opportunities around Europe, performing and studying different cultures.

She has also had the opportunity to perform solos in the Millersville University productions of *World Songs: A Choral Odyssey*, *Transparent Luminosity*, *Glorious Sounds of the Season*, *The Feminine Voice*, *The French Choral Connection*, and several other individual and group concerts. Bryanne has been employed in the MU Music office where she managed the Millersville Music Department by planning events, creating programs, writing and editing newsletters and creating and managing student schedules. She looks forward to earning her Kodály Level I Certification, graduating, and moving closer to her goal of becoming the educational administrator of an international school and advocating for special education and arts programs. Bryanne has successfully interviewed to teach music to students grades 4-6 in Falun, Sweden after she graduates and looks forward to growing further as a European citizen. She would like to thank the honors college for countless opportunities and support through her 106 page thesis titled "*Die schöne Müllerin: Performance, Application and Analysis of a Major Romantic Era Song Cycle*".

Thesis Question & Answer Session

Dr. Thyrum will be hosting a Thesis Question & Answer session (formerly known as the “Thesis Jam Session”) on Thursday, November 8 from 12:05-1:05 pm during the common lunch hour. It will be held in the conference room of Franklin House. **This session is for students currently working on (or just beginning) their thesis** and is a time to come together to share common questions/answers with regard to working on the thesis. Please come to discuss your thesis experience and ask questions!

Thesis Workshop

A thesis workshop will also be held on Thursday, November 8 at 4:00 pm in Luek Hall, Room 108 with Dr. Thyrum. All Honors students must attend a thesis workshop so you can learn how to approach the thesis, how to request a thesis adviser, how to set up the thesis and other important information. **This workshop is required for sophomores**, but all students are welcome to attend. Refreshments will on hand for participants!!

Times, Dates and Other Items of Importance:

NOVEMBER:

- November 2 – last day to Withdraw from a fall course
- November 5 – Honors College Study Abroad Opportunities and Benefits – Reighard Lobby – 7:30 pm
- November 8 – Honors College Thesis Q and A Session – 12:05 Common Hour in Franklin House (FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON or BEGINNING THE THESIS)
- November 8 – Honors College Thesis Workshop - 4 pm (required for sophomores/2nd year students to help prepare for starting a thesis) – Luek Rm 108
- November 11 - HCSA General Membership meeting – 7:30 pm SMC 24

- November 12 – 7 pm - Honors College Meet and Mingle with MU’s President, Dr. Wubah....Reighard Lobby, refreshments will be served
- November 20-25 Thanksgiving Break, classes resume on November 26
- November 30 – HCSA Fundraiser – Sugar Bowl Delivery – 7 pm

DECEMBER:

- December 2 - HCSA General Membership meeting – 7:30 pm SMC 24
- December 9 –Honors College Fall Recognition Banquet – 1 pm – Lehr Dining Room in Gordinier
- December 10- Last day of classes for fall semester
- December 11-15 Finals
- December 16 – Commencement
- December 21 – Fall ’18 grades are available via MAX after 4:30 pm

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving break will begin on November 20 after the last class ends. Classes will resume on November 26. Take time to reflect on all your blessings while at home with loved ones. Come back ready to knock out the semester and finish 2018 with a bang!

